



City of Seattle
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Safe Crossings Program Fact Sheet

According to the 2000 Census, approximately 35.6 percent of those living in Central Seattle walk or use transit in their daily commute.

In North Seattle, 24.2 percent walk or use transit daily.

In South Seattle, 18.7 percent walk or use transit daily.

In 2002, SDOT's Pedestrian Program completed an inventory of Seattle's marked crosswalks (all 610 on arterial streets) based on a national study of the safety effects of marked vs. unmarked crosswalks at unsignalized locations. Based on that research, the City of Seattle had identified 88 crosswalks that do not meet the new guidelines. Since 2005, 38 of those crosswalks have been addressed and 50 crosswalks remain. SDOT plans to address 19 in 2006, 3 will be addressed by the Sound Transit project on Martin Luther King Jr. Way South and the additional \$1.3 million will allow SDOT to accelerate the remaining 28. By 2007, all remaining noncompliant crosswalks in the city will be addressed.

Since 2002, SDOT has installed 52 new marked crosswalks, and 12 pedestrian signals.

SDOT has removed 17 marked crosswalks.

SDOT evaluates various factors when deciding to install a marked crosswalk. The factors include:

- Number of traffic lanes
- Traffic speed
- Traffic volume

In 2005, SDOT spent about \$95,000 to re-stripe existing marked crosswalks.

In 2006 & 2007, \$1.3 million will be spent to improve the following 28 crosswalks locations:

- Lake City Way NE north of NE 125th Street
- 24th Avenue NW and NW 58th Street
- W Nickerson Street and 13th Avenue with ramp A
- Nickerson Street and Dravus Street
- W Nickerson north of Nickerson Turn Road
- N 105th Street and Evanston Avenue N
- Greenlake Way N and N 51st Street
- Greenlake Way N and N 53rd Street
- E Greenlake Way N and W Greenlake Way N
- N 46th Street and Linden Avenue N
- Lake City Way NE south of NE 125th Street
- Sand Point Way NE and 40th Avenue NE
- Sand Point Way NE and NE 63rd Street
- East Cherry Street west of 12th Avenue
- 35th Avenue SW and SW Kenyon Street
- South Jackson Street and 10th Avenue S
- West Dravus Street and 17th Avenue W
- Eastlake Avenue East and E Allison Street
- 1st Avenue South and Railroad Way S
- 1st Avenue South and S. Massachusetts Street
- Alaskan Way and Vine Street
- Alaskan Way 2100 block
- Alaskan Way and Lenora Street
- Alaskan Way 1900 block
- Alaskan Way and Union Street
- Alaskan Way and Seneca Street
- Alaskan Way and Spring Street
- Alaskan Way South and S King Street